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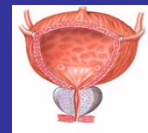
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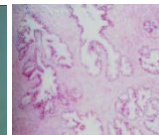
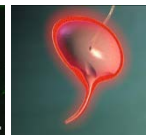
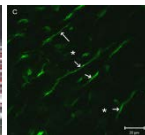
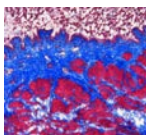
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OBJECTIVES

To enhance our knowledge of the lower urinary tract with the aim of developing new treatments or enhancing current treatments of the following conditions:

- Neurogenic and idiopathic overactive bladder
- Cancers of the lower urinary tract
- Stress incontinence
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia
- Interstitial cystitis
- Erectile dysfunction



GROUP MEMBERS & INTERESTS

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Drug development for overactive bladder, stress incontinence, benign prostatic hyperplasia, erectile dysfunction & bladder carcinoma

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Actions of drugs and natural products on bladder function

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Actions of cytotoxic drugs and their metabolites on bladder function

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Molecular modelling of uroplakins

Assoc. Prof. Donna Sellers (Cell Biologist)

Overactive bladder, diabetes

Assoc. Prof. Lotti Tajouri (Molecular Biologist)

Molecular biology of bladder receptors and ion channels

Assist. Prof. Desha Welsh (Physiologist)

Renal & upper urinary tract disease

Prof. Gordon Wright (Clinical Pathologist)

Lower urinary tract pathology particularly urothelial carcinoma

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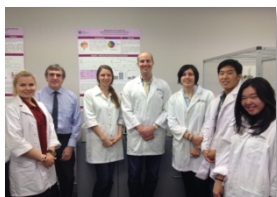
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PRIZES & AWARDS

- Best Student Presentation, National Symposium on Advances in GU Research - **L. Grundy, 2011**
- Queensland Smart Futures Scholarship - **C. Moro, 2010**
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- EAU Best Poster Prize, European Association Urology Stockholm - **D. Sellers, 2009**
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